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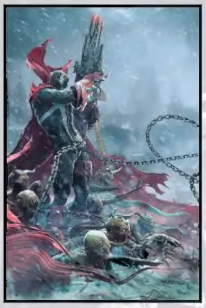

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Nyx brings Spawn back from the dead and restores his powers. In doing so, she has also restored powers to all of Earth.

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WHETHER HELL OR HEAVEN WANTED IT, EVERYONE BELONGING TO THOSE TWO FACTIONS ARE NOW 'POWERED-UP' AFTER MONTHS OF SIMPLY EXISTING LIKE MERE MORTALS.
SO, YOU, SIMMONS, YOU'RE THE DUMB-ASS THAT NEARLY GOT US KILLED! WE WENT ANY LONGER WITHOUT POWERS AND THE F*CKIN' VAMPIRES WOULD HAVE STEAMROLLED US!
YOU INCLUDED!
AND IN THAT TIME THE VAMPIRE SECT LED BY ITS LEADER CALLED 'BLUDD' NEARLY DECIMATED THE RANKS OF DEMONS AND ANGELS.

PUT THAT GUN DOWN.
YOU'RE DONE TELLING US WHAT TO DO, OLD MAN!
SO, GET IN LINE, OR GET OUT OF OUR WAY, WE'RE NOT WASTING THIS OPPORTUNITY.
AND IF YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP US, YOU'LL NEED TO GO THROUGH US AND YOUR HELLSPAWN COUSIN HERE, BECAUSE HE'S NOT IN THE MOOD TO PISS AROUND EITHER, YOU SEE, HE'S BEEN DEAD THE PAST FEW MONTHS-- NOT POWERLESS-- SIMPLY DEAD!
LISTEN TO HIM, SPAWN.
I'M MISSING WHAT THIS HAS TO DO WITH ME.
DON'T PLAY THAT GAME, YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.

SPAWN DOES. IT MEANS **EVERYONE** WILL SOON BE FORCED TO PICK A SIDE. HOPING THE ONE THEY CHOOSE IS BEST SUITED FOR SURVIVAL.
THERE WILL BE FOUR OPTIONS FOR EACH TO PICK FROM; THEY CAN JOIN HELL.
HEAVEN.
THE VAMPIRES.
OR HUMANITY.
SOME, LIKE THESE MINIONS OF THE VILLAINOUS **'CLOWN,'** CHOOSE QUICKLY.
THERE'S THOUSANDS, LIKE THESE IMPS, THAT DON'T HAVE A SIDE. THEY WERE ***OUTCASTS*** DURING THE "OUTAGE". WHICH ***COMPLICATES*** EVERYTHING, BECAUSE WHOEVER JOINS US, IT'LL TAKE MONTHS TO FIND OUT WHO'S LOYAL AND WHO'S TRYING TO ***INFILTRATE.***
THE ONLY SILVER LINING IS OUR ENEMIES WILL BE DEALING WITH THE SAME SHIT.
SO, WE NEED TO ACT QUICK.
WITH A LEADER WE CAN TRUST.
SUDDENLY, THERE'S A BURST OF ENERGY...

...WHEN IT CLEARS, THERE'S **ANOTHER** WHO HAS BECOME PART OF THIS CONFRONTATION. ANOTHER OF THE MANY WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED DURING THE **"TIME RIP"** CAUSED BY SPAWN.*

THIS MAGNIFICENT BEING THEY CALL **MANDARIN SPAWN!** THE ONE THEY'VE CHOSEN TO LEAD THEM.

THE MISSION FOR ALL OF US IS CLEAR: DEFEAT THOSE THAT PREY ON THE WEAK, THEN KILL THEIR **OFFSPRING** BEFORE THEY MATURE.

IT IS WHY WE'VE COME, TO ASK THAT YOU JOIN US.

BUT TO DO SO, YOU MUST FIRST **SUBMIT** TO MY AUTHORITY.

*Issue 301--Thomas

YOU THINK YOU'LL WIN THIS WAR BY CREATING A RANK AND FILE?
SPARE ME YOUR DESPERATION.
I'M OUTTA HERE.
LEAVE NOW...
...WE MAY NEED TO CONSIDER YOU A FOE.
YOU WILL LOSE VALUED ALLIES.
KEEP YOUR STINKING MAGIC OFF ME.
DON'T DO THIS, SPAWN. PUT YOUR EGO TO THE SIDE AND PROTECT EARTH!

HE'S BEEN HOLDING BACK SINCE THEY ARRIVED, BUT IT'S TIME TO DO A LITTLE FLEXING.
TREMOR IS THRUST 30 FEET AWAY.
THE 'CURSE OF SPAWN' COMES TO HELP.
AND THOUGH HIS PROWESS MAY RIVAL SPAWN'S...
...HIS TIME SPENT IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION HAS SLOWED HIM.
BUT SPAWN IS **WASTING** UNNECESSARY ENERGY.

STRANGELY, THIS NEW HERO WHO STEPS IN TO SHIELD HIS TEAMMATE SEEMS IMPERVIOUS TO HELL'S NECROPLASM.
ANOTHER DAY HE'LL FIND OUT WHY THEY'VE NAMED HIM "BULLET-PROOF."
FOR NOW, SPAWN SHIFTS INSTEAD TO USING HIS CAPE
IF HE CAN'T HARM HIM, HE CAN AT LEAST BLIND HIM.
BUT THAT'S GIVEN TREMOR TIME TO RECOVER.
EOM

WE CAN KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY IF YOU WANT.
AS SPAWN CALCULATES HIS NEXT MOVE, HE SEES HOW DEADLY SERIOUS THEY ARE ABOUT THEIR THREAT.
HE ALSO KNOWS HE'LL NEED THEM ON HIS SIDE, TOO.
HALT!
LET HIM BE.
SO. NOW WHAT?
WE NEED YOU. WE NEED EACH OTHER. HOW DO I MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

I UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST. I DON'T NEED YOUR LECTURE.
AND YOUR RECRUITING MESSAGE IS FOR SHIT.
WE ONLY WANT PEACE.
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?! THE ENEMY'S OUT THERE! GO FIND THEM!
FOUR OF US CAN'T ELIMINATE ALL OF HEAVEN'S AGENTS! YOU KNOW THAT! YOU WERE MILITARY, WOULD YOU TAKE THOSE ODDS? OR WOULD YOU BUILD AN ARMY FIRST?
I'D BUILD AN ARMY. BUT I'M NOT FOR HIRE.
DOESN'T MATTER. YOUR DESTINY HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN. YOU'RE TOO VALUABLE TO BE A LONE WOLF BUT TOO ERRATIC TO BE OUR LEADER. THAT'S MY DESTINY.

SPAWN'S DONE TALKING.
BUT MANDARIN SPAWN IS A SPLIT SECOND FASTER ON EVERY MOVE AL ATTEMPTS.
KRAX
GET ON YOUR FEET, SOLDIER, I HAVE PLANS FOR YOU.
THAT MAY BE TRUE...

BUT SPAWN HAS PLANS OF HIS OWN.
AND YOUR PATHETIC CHAINS WON'T HELP CHANGE THAT.
SPAWN LUNGES, BUT AGAIN HE'S TOO SLOW.
I THOUGHT YOU TO BE BETTER THAN THIS, GIVEN THE MANY TALES I'VE HEARD OF YOU. PERHAPS THEY WERE GRAVELY MISTAKEN ABOUT YOUR SKILLS.
OR PERHAPS NOT.
THE SYMBIOTE'S CRIMSON FLESH FLARES LIKE A DRAGON WITH A DOZEN WINGS, EFFECTIVELY BLOTTING OUT ANY LIGHT, THUS CREATING ITS OWN MASSIVE SHADOWED BASE.

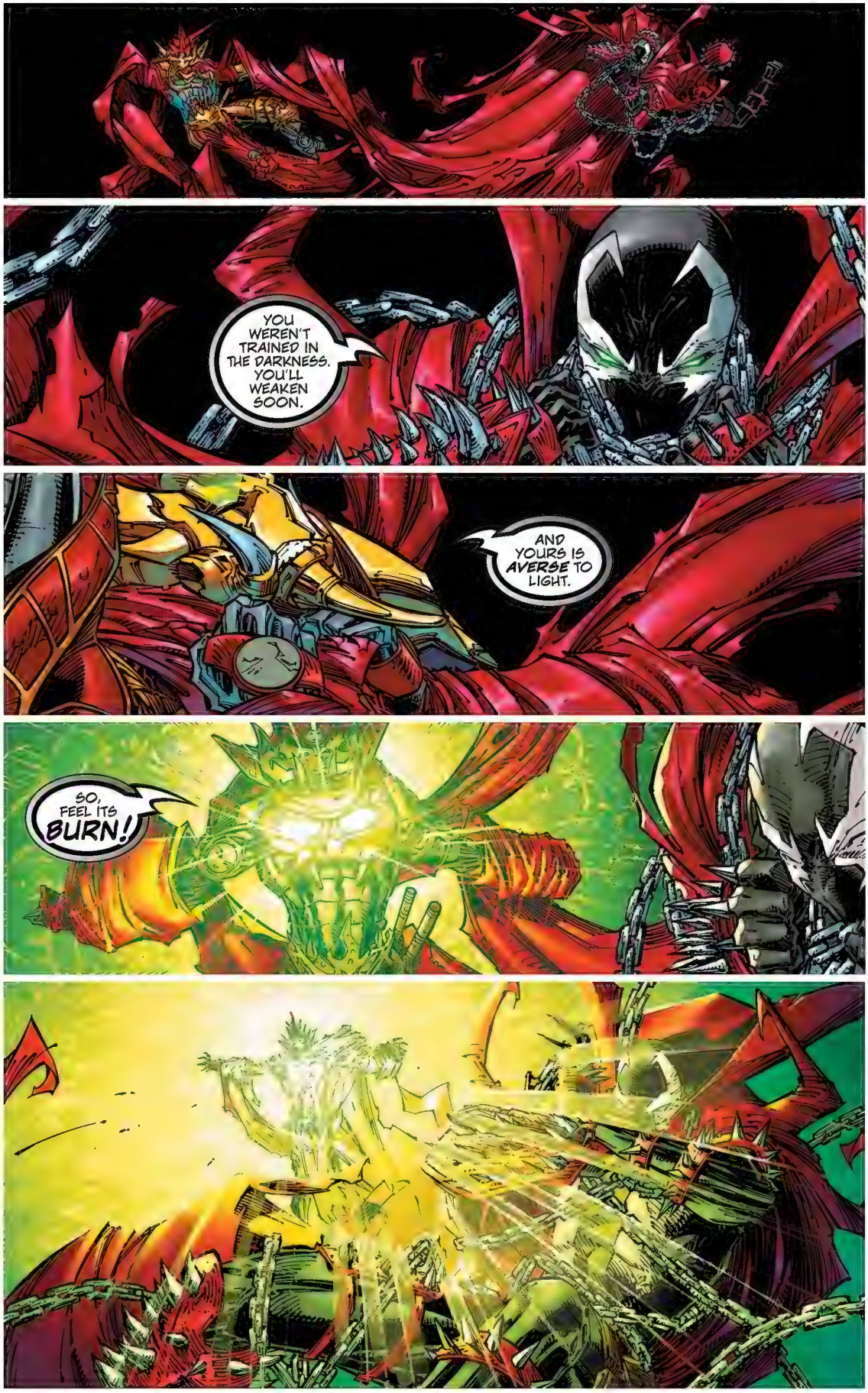
AND THE THING ABOUT OUR SPAWN IS THAT ONCE HE'S COVERED IN DARKNESS
...YOU SHOULD BE TERRIFIED BY WHAT COMES NEXT
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
HE'S USING THE SHADOWS TO MOVE!
SOME HELLSPAWN LIKE TO CLOAK THEMSELVES IN SHADOWS, TO HIDE FROM THEIR DUTIES.

BUT A SAVAGE BLOW TO MANDARIN'S SPINE SENDS THE MESSAGE THAT SPAWN IS DOING ANYTHING BUT TRYING TO HIDE!
AND FOR ALL HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE, MANDARIN SHOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED FOR AN ASSAULT LIKE THIS.
THAT HE DIDN'T TELLS SPAWN SOMETHING ISN'T QUITE RIGHT ABOUT ALL THIS.
TENTACLES OF SPAWN'S CAPE PIN MANDARIN'S ARMS TO THE GROUND.

TRY AS HE MIGHT, MANDARIN IS UNABLE TO FREE HIMSELF FROM SPAWN'S SYMBIOTE. AND LIKE A GIANT SNAKE, THE CAPE'S GRIP SLOWLY BEGINS TO TIGHTEN.
PERHAPS IT'S YOUR POWERS THAT OTHERS HAVE OVER-ESTIMATED.
TREMOR! HELP HIM!
I CAN'T... IT WON'T BUDGE!

THE HEROES, FOCUSED ON THEIR NEW LEADER, DON'T SEE THAT SPAWN HAS RE-EMERGED BEHIND THEM, SEEMINGLY HAVING HIS CAPE IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE!
BUT IT'S JUST DECEPTION.
THE CAPE JUST PARTIALLY BURROWED ITSELF UNDERGROUND, SHOWING ITS TWO ENDS ON OPPOSITE SIDES.
NOW, SPAWN AND MANDARIN BOTH MELT AWAY.

LEAVING OTHERS TO PONDER WHAT TO DO NEXT.
THOUGH THERE IS NO ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION SINCE SPAWN HAS TRANSPORTED HIMSELF AND HIS CAPTIVE INTO...
...THE 'VOID.'
TRY AND SUFFOCATE ME--BUT YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH MAGIC IN HERE!
I'LL MAKE YOUR OWN CHAINS STRANGLE YOU, TOO!


YOU WEREN'T TRAINED IN THE DARKNESS. YOU'LL WEAKEN SOON.
AND YOURS IS AVERSE TO LIGHT.
SO, FEEL ITS BURN!

BUT SPAWN SIMPLY SNUFFS OUT THE GLOWING SPELLS
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?! IT'S GOD WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING, HE'S THE ONE THAT SPLIT US APART, WHO TOOK EVERYTHING WE HAD! LET ME HELP, AL... HELP YOU ESCAPE FROM YOUR DARKNESS.
SO, WE CAN BE TOGETHER. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED, FOR US TO BE TOGETHER?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
SPAWN SENSED EARLIER THAT SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT. SO, IT'S TIME TO SEE WHO THIS OPPONENT IS.
BY OPENING UP HIS ARMOR LIKE HE'S STRIPPING THE METAL OFF A CAR!

PIECE BY PIECE, IT'S PRIED OFF
UNTIL, FINALLY, WHAT'S UNDERNEATH HAS BEEN EXPOSED. THOUGH THE SIGHT IT REVEALS STOPS AL SIMMONS IN HIS TRACKS
WANDA?!
AS HE GAZES UPON THE BARELY BREATHING BODY OF HIS WIFE!

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

I just bought Spawn #360 at a comic book store, and I enjoyed reading it. I'm glad Todd McFarlane is back on writing the story and dialogue and Brett Booth doing the art. I still wish McFarlane did the art or at least the variant arts by him. Overall, I'm glad I got the comic, I always wanted to be a comic book creator and hopefully in the future I can publish my own comics to Image Comics, where not only I get to share my story but meet other famous creators in Image like Todd McFarlane.

-EDIXON

Hey, Edixon! Thanks for writing in and for picking up Spawn #360. It's a milestone for us! Yeah, Todd jumping back onto writing duties is pretty cool. He and Brett have some "cool as hell" ideas cooking for the readers. Just wait and see!

-THOMAS

Just finished reading issue 360, and I'm struggling. Where'd Spawn's vampire powers go? I recall- way back in the day (pre-issue 100 maybe), Spawn was bitten by a vampire and acquired some vamp powers? Now with the Dead Zones closed and all Heaven & Hell powers obsolete, shouldn't Spawn still have his vamp strength as Bludd and his crew have all their powers..? Or did I miss something over the years?

-CHARLES

Thanks for the letter, Charles. You are correct that Spawn does have a small amount of Vampire powers, just not nearly as much as a pure-blooded Vampire. That is the reason why Al was able to survive so many heinous injuries during this arc. A slight healing factor and help from the Tinkerer were what helped keep him alive and fighting the good fight. If not, he would have been toast.

-THOMAS

I loved the Spawn Kills Every Spawn series. It has been my favorite of the new titles. I recently had a friend do a commission on the blank of my three favorite characters. Cygor and She Spawn have been my favorites since I started reading back in issue #300. Thank you for a fun series. The artist is a local friend. Matthew Spurlock.

-STORM

Storm, please tell Matthew that this cover is fantastic! Thanks for sharing it. Hopefully, we'll get more front the SKES side of the Spawn Universe someday!

-THOMAS

Artwork by Matthew Spurlock, submitted by Storm

Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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